

#### The More You Know

Government of the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Office of Tax and Revenue

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
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#### CID Mission Statement

The Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) Criminal Investigation Division (CID) serves the District of Columbia by investigating potential criminal violations of the District tax laws and related offenses in a manner that fosters confidence in the District of Columbia tax system, promotes compliance with the District's tax laws and brings about the highest level of voluntary compliance.



#### CID ORGANIZATION

<u>CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION</u> - Investigates potential criminal violations of the District tax laws and related offenses.

<u>ADJUSTMENT UNIT</u> – Performs return adjustments in ITS and MITS. Critical component to the perfection of the tax return.

<u>RETURN INTEGRITY UNIT</u> – Reviews every individual tax return submitted to The Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) to ensure revenue protection and fraud prevention efforts.

These three units are critical to fostering confidence in the District of Columbia tax system, promote compliance with the District's tax laws and brings about the highest level of voluntary compliance.



#### Goals

> Aggressively Protect the Revenue of the District by Denying Frivolous Claims.

Pursue Criminal Charges Against Willful Violators, both Preparer's and Taxpayers.

- Business Results -
  - > Case Openings, Pros Recs, Sentencing, Cycle Time



#### RETURN INTEGRITY UNIT

- Established Core Group to Identify Identity theft, Fraudulent Tax Returns, and Preparer and Taxpayer Schemes
- Aggressively Protect the Revenue of the District by Denying Frivolous Claims
- Pursue Criminal Charges Against Willful Violators, both Preparers and Taxpayers.



#### RETURN INTEGRITY UNIT

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Implementation of Fraud Detection Service (FDS)

- Taxpayers selected for the identity verification process can now complete the verification quiz via the online portal, MyTax.DC.gov
- Taxpayers who receive a notice to verify their identity or tax return information can now provide their response via the online portal, MyTax.DC.gov



#### RETURN INTEGRITY UNIT

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- Highlights
  - > Revenue Protection for Fraud Plan 2021 over \$26 million dollars
  - > Reduced the number of taxpayers who received letters by 22,000



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secure Taxpayer

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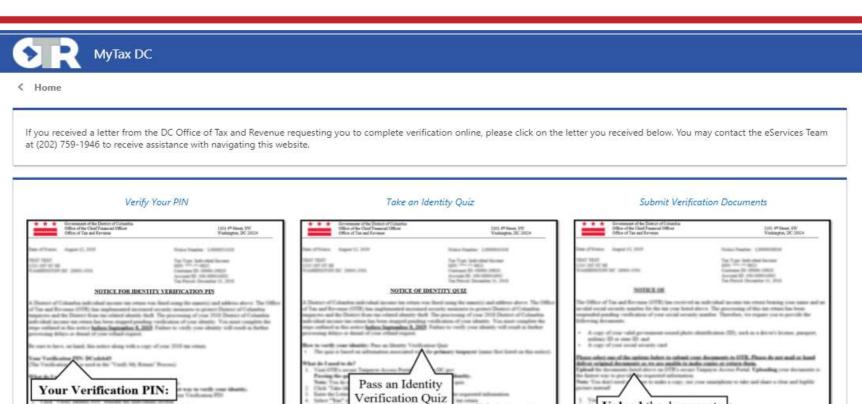
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#### Taxpayer Response To RIU Verification Notice

- The process for taxpayers to respond to RIU
   Verification notices has been enhanced. Taxpayers will
   be directed to respond to any Verification notice by
   submitting a non-logon response to the verification
   notice via MyTax.dc.gov.
- From the MyTax homepage, the taxpayer will click on the Respond to Verification Letter link under the Individual section

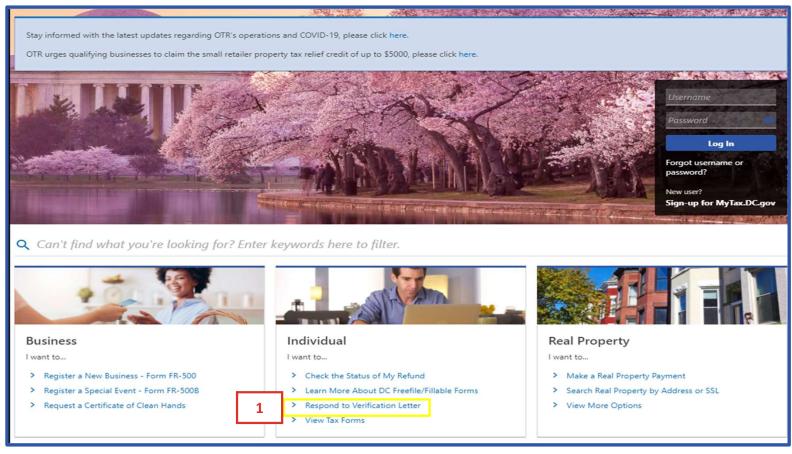


### Taxpayer Response To RIU Verification Notice (cont.)

- The taxpayer will then click on the corresponding link based on their notice.
- "Verify Your PIN" link PIN Verification Notice taxpayer self verification
- "Take an Identity Quiz" link Identity Verification Quiz
   Notice taxpayer self verification
- "Submit Verification Documents" for all other RIU verification notices RIU verification

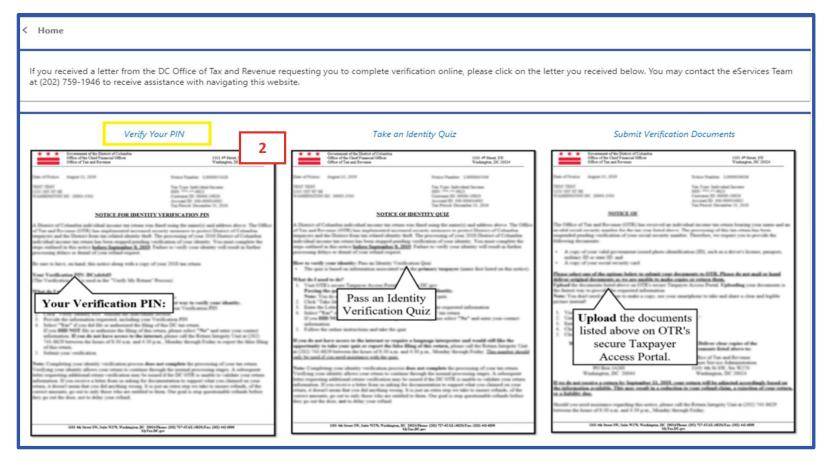


#### How to complete "PIN Verification"



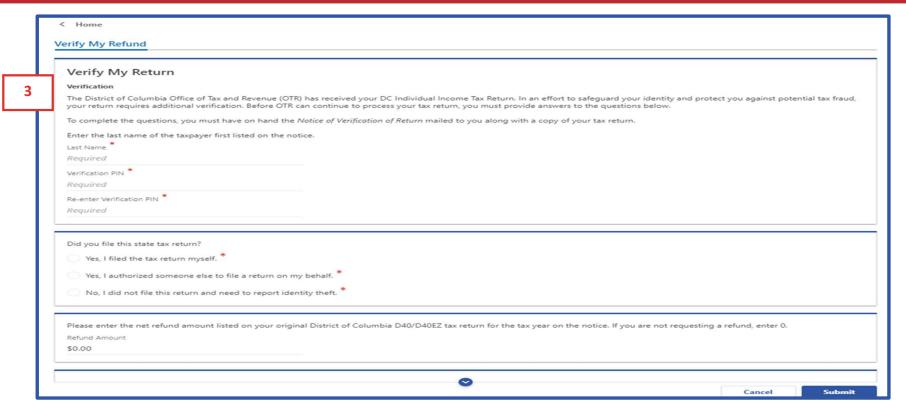
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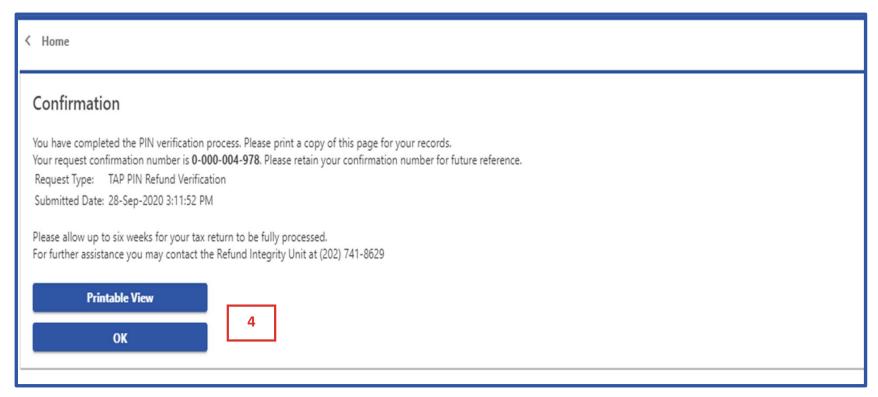
The taxpayer will click the "Verify Your Pin" link in the top left corner.





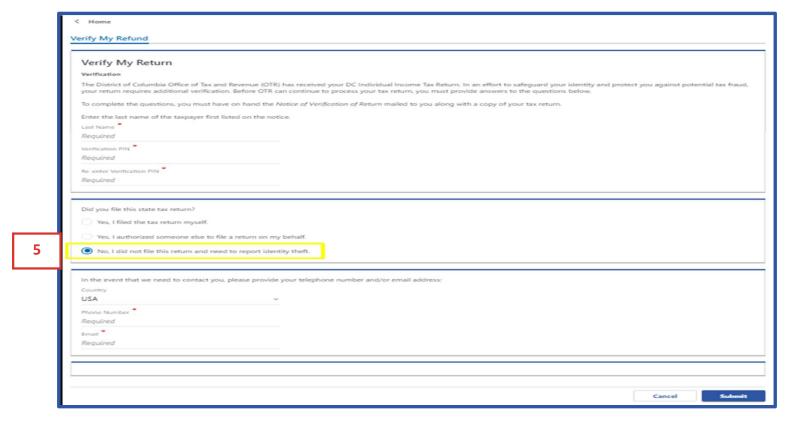
The taxpayer will fill out all the required information on this page in order to submit PIN verification. The taxpayer must list their last name, verification PIN, verify that they filed the return, & requested refund amount before proceeding.





If the taxpayer successfully completes the PIN verification, they will receive a confirmation.





If the taxpayer enters the PIN but states that they did not file the return, MyTax will prompt the taxpayer to provide a phone number and email.





If the taxpayer states that they did not file the return they will receive the following confirmation advising that we may contact the taxpayer to further discuss the return.

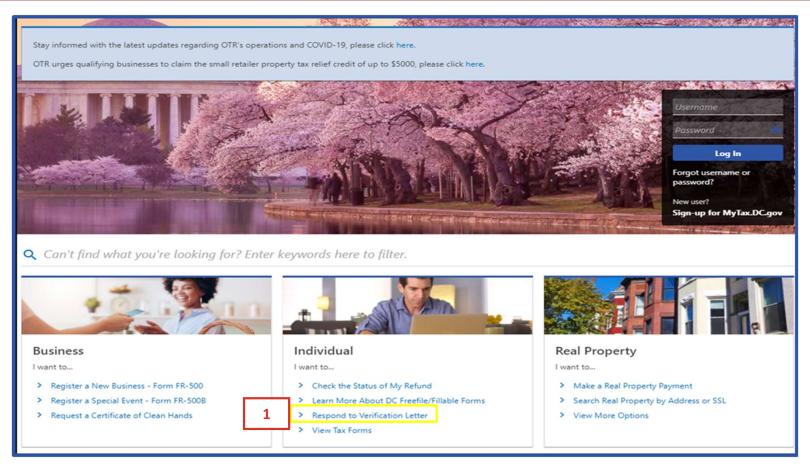


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#### How to "Take an Identity Quiz"

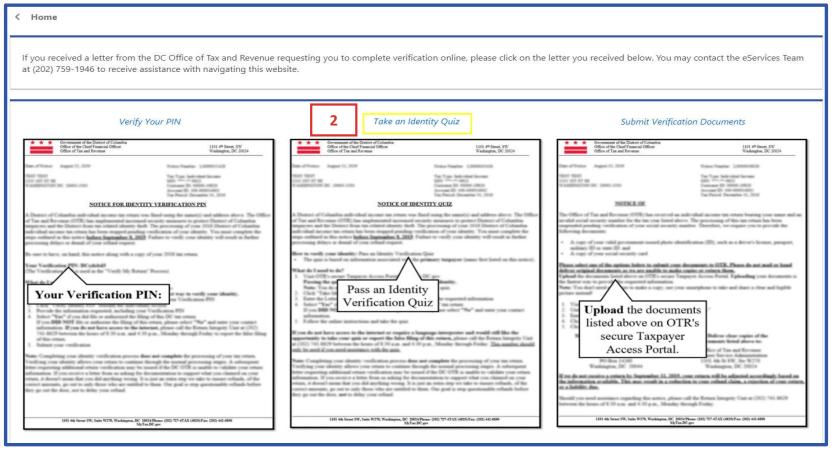






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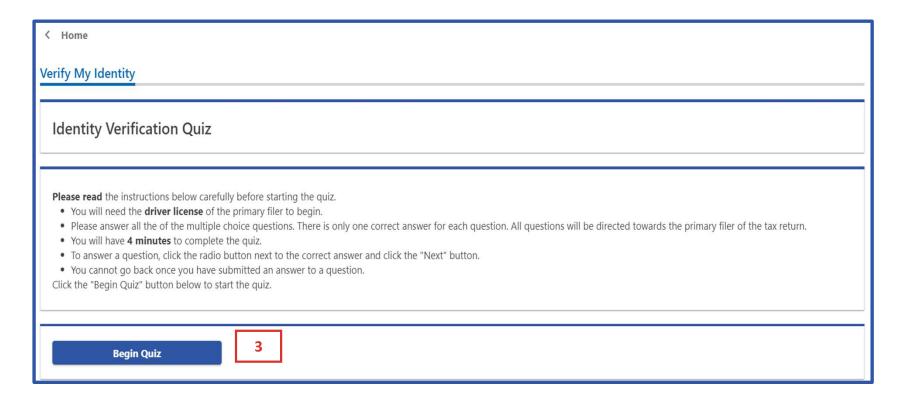
The taxpayer will click the "Take an Identity Quiz" link in the middle of the screen.





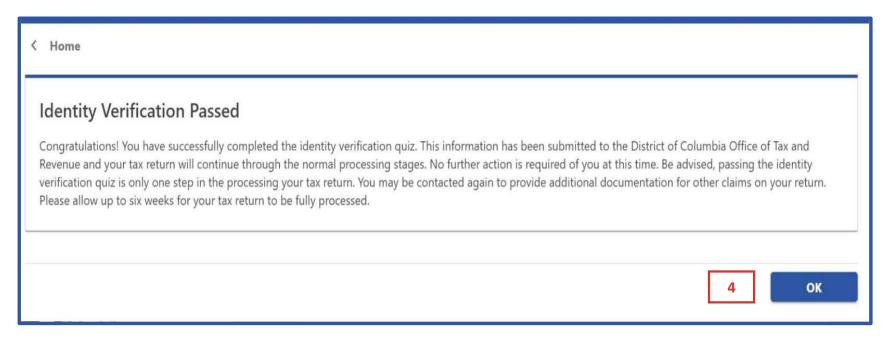
The taxpayer will enter the letter ID number, the last for digits of the social security number, verify that they filed the return, and verify the refund amount before proceeding.





The taxpayer will click "Begin Quiz" to start taking the identity verification quiz (Please note that first time filers will have 4 minutes to complete the quiz)

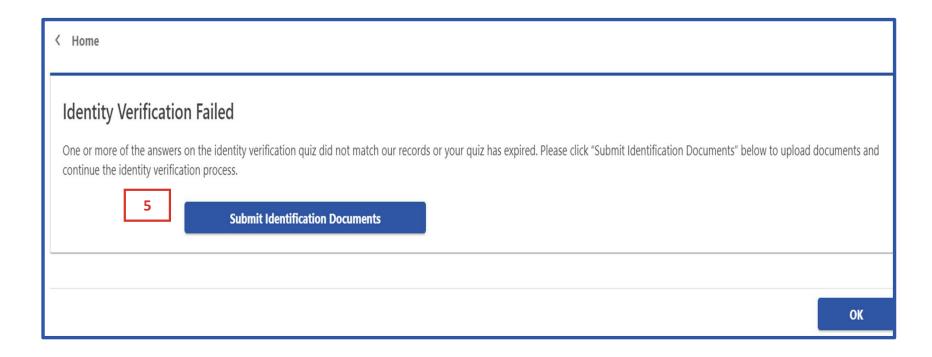




The taxpayer will then answer the questions listed on the identity verification quiz.

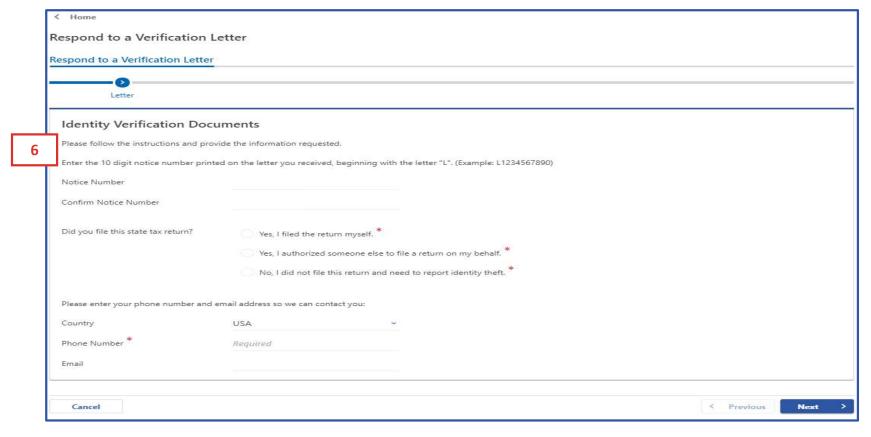
If the taxpayer passes the identity verification quiz, the system will alert them that the quiz was passed.





If the taxpayer fails the identity verification quiz, they will be directed to "Submit Identification Documents" in order to verify the identity.





Before the taxpayer can submit the "Verification Documents" they must list their contact information.





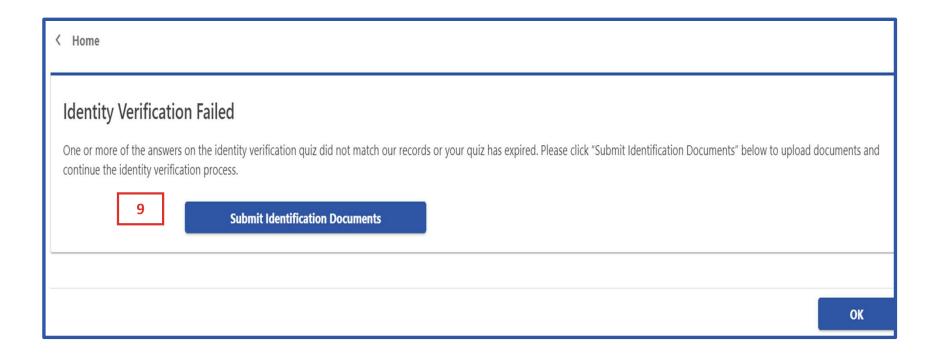
Once the taxpayer has successfully attached the required documents the system will provide a confirmation number.





If the taxpayer fails the first quiz and the system has enough information on file to generate an additional quiz, the taxpayer can click the 'Retake Quiz" link to take the second quiz. Please note that the second quiz will ask a new set of questions.



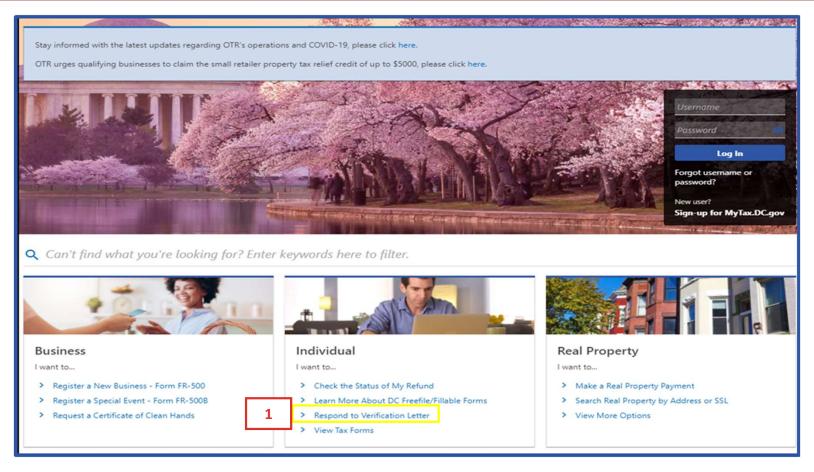


If the taxpayer fails the first quiz and the system does not have enough information on file to generate an additional quiz, the taxpayer will click the "Submit Identification Documents" link in order to verify.



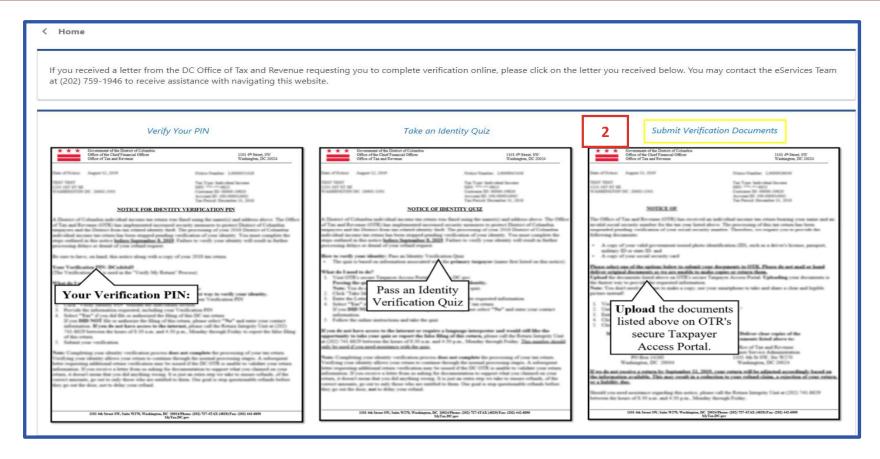






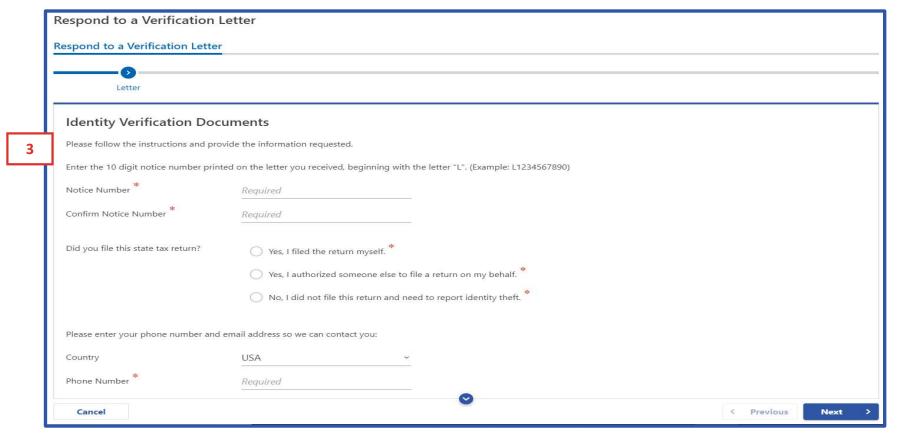
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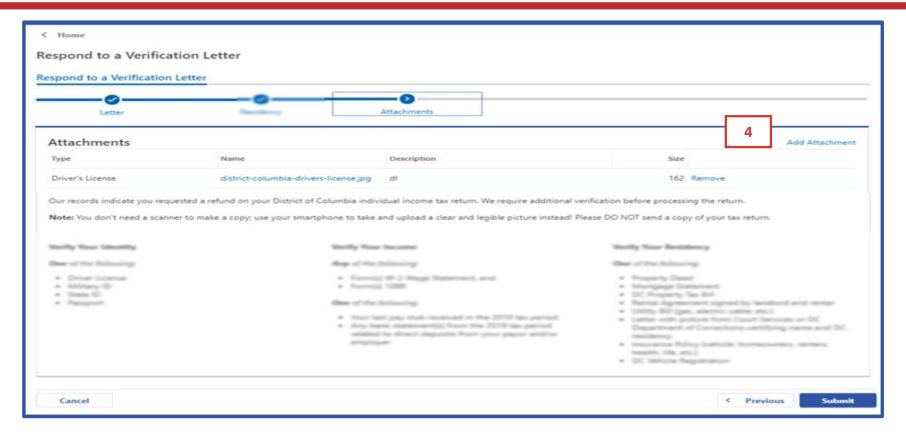
The taxpayer will click the "Submit Verification Documents" link in the top right corner.





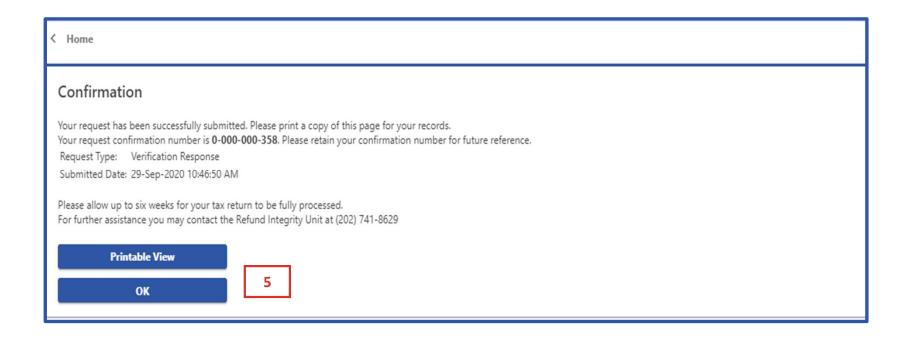
The taxpayer will enter the Notice number, verify that they filed the return, phone number & e-mail, before proceeding.





The tax payer will then attach the requested documentation. The taxpayer will be required to attach the number of documents stated from each of the columns listed. The type of documents required from the taxpayer will differ depending on the specific Notice they were issued.





A Confirmation will appear confirming that the taxpayer has successfully uploaded their required documents.



#### Areas of Concern

- Tax-related Identity Theft is the fastest growing area of fraud
- Fraudulent W-2s
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Abuse
  - ➤ Qualifying Children
  - ➤ Schedule C income (loss)



#### Areas of Concern

- Domicile issues Non-DC Residents claiming DC refundable credits
- ➤ Schedule H Homeowner and Rental Property
  Tax Credit



#### Tax Fraud Hotline

> Fraud Hotline

Email: <u>taxfraudhotline@dc.gov</u>

Mail: Office of Tax and Revenue

Attn: Tax Fraud Hotline

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Washington, DC 20024



#### **Q & A**

